

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

GREGORY ALBERT MASON, pro se,

Plaintiff,

v.

EXPERIAN, EQUIFAX, TRANSUNION,

Defendants.

No. 12-cv-5009 RBL

Order

[Dkt. #1]

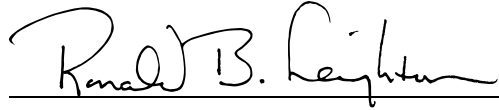
Before the Court is Plaintiff Gregory Albert Mason's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. [Dkt. #1]. For the reasons set for below, the Court denies the application.

A district court may permit indigent litigants to proceed *in forma pauperis* upon completion of a proper affidavit of indigency. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). The court has broad discretion in resolving the application, but "the privilege of proceeding *in forma pauperis* in civil actions for damages should be sparingly granted." *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d 598, 600 (9th Cir. 1963), *cert. denied* 375 U.S. 845 (1963).

Here, Plaintiff lists a monthly income of \$4,468.53 and currently holds \$350.00 in accounts. The Court recognizes that filing fees can be onerous but must conclude, nonetheless, that Plaintiff has funds sufficient to pay the necessary costs. The Court therefore **DENIES** the

1 application. [Dkt. #1]. Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date of this Order to pay the filing fee or  
2 the case may be dismissed.

3 Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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